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PROP 202 HELPS KIDS IN NEED IN GLENDALE **Back to School Clothing Drive awarded \$30,000**

Glendale, AZ. – Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a resolution in support of a \$30,000 application by the Back to School Clothing Drive – a Glendale-based non-profit organization - for Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) funds. As a result of this city support, Back to School was recently notified that its application was approved and the monies will now go directly to the organization to purchase school uniforms, clothing, shoes, and school supplies for low-income students.

“We are extremely grateful for the generous support from the City of Glendale and the Gila River Indian Community,” said Jackson Fonder, president of board of directors for Back to School Clothing Drive. “As a result of this grant, we will be able to expand our reach and build the capacity of our organization.”

This GRIC funds are possible due to the passage of Prop 202 five years ago, which mandates that 12% of the revenue earned on Indian gaming is given “to cities, towns, or counties for government services that benefit the general public, including public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.”

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Celebrating its 40th year, Back to School has touched more than 150,000 kids and families in Glendale and across the Valley by providing school uniforms and supplies to children ages K-6. Now the local non-profit will be able to do more for local families due to the recent grant award. The organization works with 31 school districts, 131 schools, and 5 additional nonprofit organizations. The approval of the grant enables the organization to meet the needs of low-income children in Maricopa County.

Thanks to Back to School, qualified families save on average \$140 per child during the Annual Distribution, which clothes more 4,000 students during the week-long event. Back to School will continue serving those students annually, upgrade the quality of items distributed, and increase the number of items distributed.

Back to School's public and private sector partnerships include the city of Glendale, represented by the Honorable Mayor Elaine Scruggs, who serves on the Back to School Advisory Board. Additional community support is provided by major valley employers including General Dynamics, Intel, Wells Fargo, USAA Foundation, Phelps Dodge; as well as from foundations such as the BHHS Legacy Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Trust, and the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. Partners like Pioneer Restaurant and Saloon and the Phoenix Preparatory Academy also provide critical support through the donation of their amenities for fundraising and facilitation for events.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com and www.backtoschoolclothingdrive.com.

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